MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Have the Government considered that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have considered that and have decided to invest him with Second Class powers.

Minor Irrigation Committee.

346. MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): With reference to the Minor Irrigation Committee appointed in 1930, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name and official designation of the President;

(*b*) the name and official designation of the Convener, if any;

(*c*) the name and official designation of the Secretary, if any;

(*d*) if there was a Secretary, who appointed him and on whose recommendation;

(*e*) who appointed the clerical staff; and

(*f*) who had the control of the office arrangements and routine?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, Deputy President, Legislative Council, from the 15th March 1930 to the 13th January 1931, and Mr. J. S. Westerdale, Chief Engineer, from the 13th January 1931 till the date of submission of the Committee's report.

(*b*) Mr. A. Vipan, Chief Engineer, and since the termination of his service in the State, Mr. J. S. Westerdale, Chief Engineer.

(*c*) Mr. N. Kesavan Tampi, Supervisor in the Public Works Department.

(*d*) The Secretary was appointed by Government on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer who was also the Convener.

(*e*) The Government, the choice of persons being made by the Chief Engineer who was the Convener.

(*f*) The Convener of the Committee.

Investigation of hydro-electric schemes.

347. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hydro-electric schemes that have been investigated by them; and

(*b*) whether they propose to carry out any scheme in the near future?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 12.

(*b*) Yes, the Pallivasal scheme is proposed to be taken up in 1108.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know what those 12 schemes are?.

PRESIDENT: It will take a long time to detail them here. You may very well ask for a statement.

Damage caused to the M. C. road during times of flood.

348. MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that during times of flood many parts of the M. C. road become completely obstructed for communication;

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : ഇതിലേക്കുവല്ല പ്രതിവിധിയും നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : ഇതിലേക്ക പ്രതിവിധി റോഡുപൊക്കുക എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അതിലേക്ക ധാരാളം തുപാ ചിലവാകുമെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ പ്രതനത്തിൽ ഒന്നും നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : ഈ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ മദ്ധ്യകൂടിയുള്ള ഒരു പ്രധാനയാണ് ഇതെന്നും ആണ്ടുതോറും അനേകം ദിവസം റോഡിൽ വെള്ളംപൊങ്ങി ഗമനാഗമനത്തിനു സൌകര്യമില്ലാതെ കിടന്നു പോകുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : മെമ്പർ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ഗമനാഗമനം തടഞ്ഞു കിടന്നുപോകുന്ന എന്നതോന്നുന്നില്ല

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : എത്ര ദിവസം ഇങ്ങനെ ഗമനാഗമനം തടഞ്ഞു കിടക്കുന്ന എന്നാണു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : വർഷകാലത്തു രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ദിവസം അങ്ങനെ കിടക്കുമായിരിക്കാം.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : മാസത്തിൽ ഇങ്ങനെ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ദിവസം കിടന്നാൽ.....

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : എല്ലാ മാസത്തിലും വർഷമുണ്ടാവുകയില്ല; ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു വർഷകാലത്താണ്.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : ഇടവംമുതൽ തുലാംവരെ വർഷകാലമല്ലെ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : അപ്പോഴെല്ലാം റോഡിൽ വെള്ളം കയറുന്നില്ല.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : റോഡിൽ കയറത്തക്കവണ്ണം വെള്ളം പൊങ്ങിയാലോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : അപ്പോൾ റോഡിൽ കയറും.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*) : അപ്പോൾ എത്ര ദിവസം ഗമന ഗമനം തടഞ്ഞുകിടക്കും?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : അപ്പോഴാണോ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ദിവസം ഗമനാഗമനത്തിനു കൂടെ അസൌകര്യമുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്.

Reversion of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as District Registrar.

349. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason why Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai, who was holding independent charge of the office of the Director of Registration, was reverted to the post of District Registrar ;

(*b*) the period for which he was in independent charge ;

(*c*) whether during the said period the Government found him to be unfit for the post ;

(*d*) the period for which he had served in the Department ; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of an interpellation in a former session of the Council, regarding the injustice of not confirming the said individual as the Director of Registration ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar, a senior officer, was appointed as Director of Registration.

(*b*) From the 16th Medam 1106 to the 5th Medam 1107.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Except for a short period from the 10th Makaram to the end of Kumbham 1083, during which he was the Head Clerk of the Marumakkathayam Committee's office, Mr. Padmanabha Pillai has been in the Registration Department from the 6th Mithunam 1081 up till now.

(*e*) Government are aware that an interpellation was asked by Mr. Joseph Kunju at the session of the Legislative Council held on the 14th Medam 1107 on the subject of confirming Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as Director of Registration.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know whether it was because Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar was a senior officer in the Department of Registration that he was promoted as the head of the department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he did not belong to the Registration Department at all before he was appointed there. Therefore, no question of seniority arises.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know why the claims of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai, the senior officer of the department, were overlooked ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government considered it necessary to appoint Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar as Director of Registration and therefore Mr. Padmanabha Pillai had to revert.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Is not Mr. Padmanabha Pillai the senior officer in the Registration Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not investigated that.

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